

**STEP
ORGANIZATION
FOR DEMOCRACY
AND ELECTIONS**

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Introduction

Since its founding in 2018, Step Organization for Democracy and Elections has been working to achieve the goals of civil society organizations as the fifth authority and as a bridge that connects all the components of Iraqi society and the authorities (federal, KRI, and local) in addition to trying to reach marginalized groups that are most in need of empowerment such as women and youth, or access to areas that may be difficult for government institutions to reach, so that our work is supportive of the tasks and work of those institutions.

Step organization continues its projects and activities to achieve their goals which include the goals of sustainable development goals (Quality Education, Gender Equality, Reduced inequalities, Peace and justice, and Partnerships for the goals) through the following mechanisms:-

1- Communicating with INGOs and UN agencies those who are working on issues of democracy, good governance, human rights, fair elections. Local governance, fighting corruption, peaceful coexistence, gender issues, education and sustainable development goals, which are compatible with the goals and directions of the STEP organization.

2- Coordinating with other CSOs at the level of Iraq in general and at the level of the region with a common competence, in order to create partnerships, alliances and networks for joint action.

3- Cooperating and coordinating with universities and institutes in order to work on raising democratic and electoral awareness and the principles of good governance, among others, by establishing joint activities to contribute to achieving some common goals.

4- Cooperating and coordinating with a number of institutions and government departments in order to know the needs and challenges facing the work of these institutions for the possibility of contributing to solving their needs by presenting projects to donors for addressing the challenges.

5- Coordinating with a number of syndicates and Unions, such as the Kurdistan Journalists Syndicate and others, in order to reach similar visions and work to contribute for achieving common goals.

Implemented projects

Project Title : Reactivation the Role of Governmental Council Through Amending New Law and Advocacy Campaign.

Duration : 12 months

Total Budget: 74,511 \$

Donor: International Republican Institute (IRI)

target Locations: Nineveh and Kirkuk

Project Title : Strengthening freedom of expression, freedom of the media, and protection of human rights while covering crises

Duration : 12 months

Total Budget: 52, 533 \$

Donor: UPP and Al-Masalla

target Locations: KRI Governorates (Erbil, Sulaimanye and Duhok

Target Beneficiaries in 2022

937 Total Direct Beneficiaries

71947 Total Indirect Beneficiaries



MALE 65%

608



FEMALE 35%

329



MALE 60%

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FEMALE 40%

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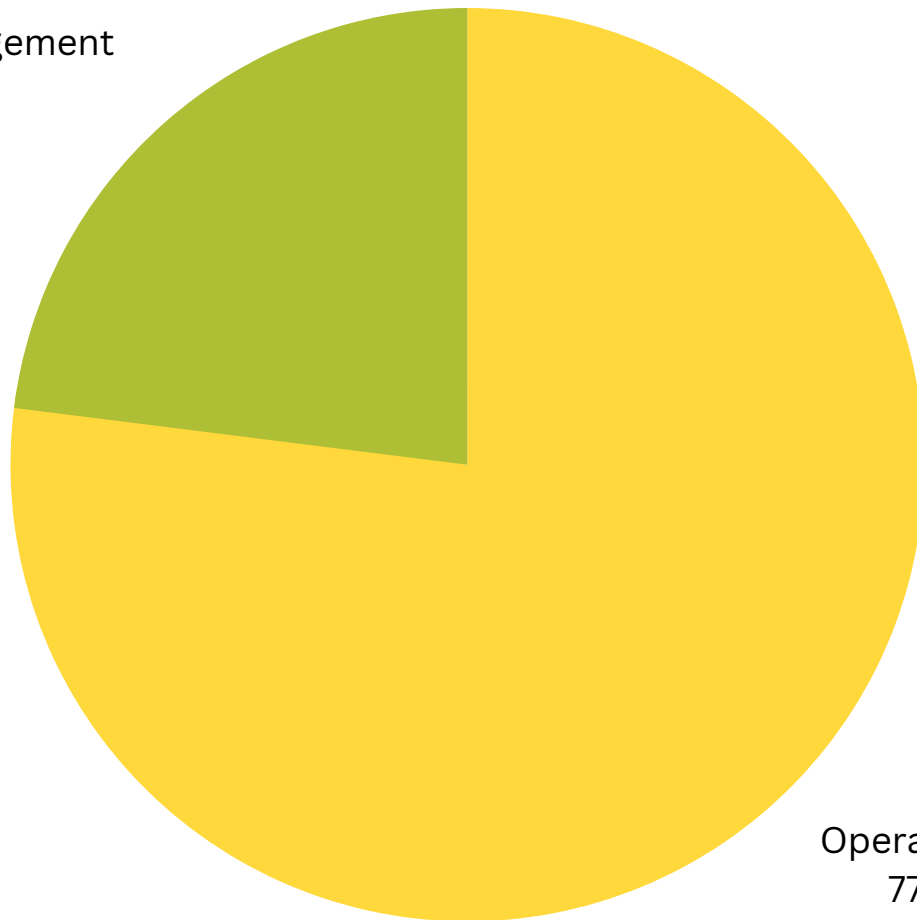
Target Locations in 2022



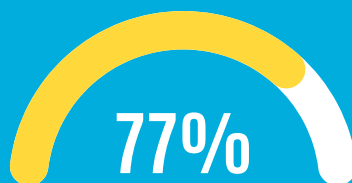
Financial Budget in 2022

In 2022 we have implemented two projects, the total budget of both projects was 127,044 \$, but the received budget in 2022 was 57,006 \$, 16,200 \$ of total paid for project management and 40,806 \$ for project activities directly or indirectly.

Project Management
23%



Operations
77%



Activities in 2022

1. participation of STEP organization in organizing conference about the elections of the Kurdistan Parliament in cooperation with a number of organizations related to the elections in Erbil in 3/27/2022, which was result of holding three sessions, the first one with the president of the Kurdistan region Parliament, Mrs. (Rewas Fayq), and the second with the government spokesperson Mr. (Jotyar Adel), and the last one with the heads of the parliamentary clusters parties in the Parliament of Kurdistan, which was managed by the Director of the step Organization. Many representatives gathered in this meeting such as specialists in electoral affairs from NGOs, representatives of Kurdish parties, and professors of constitutional law.
2. Organizing seminar about (Legislative elections in Kurdistan between entitlements and national responsibility) in cooperation with the Department of Political Science at the College of Law at the University of Duhok in May 31, 2022, representatives of political parties, university professors, active personalities and member of NGOs in the province participated in this event.
3. Organizing a seminar on (parliamentary elections crisis in Baghdad and kurdistan region) in cooperation with the Peshmerga Cultural Center in Dohuk in 9/6/2022. Two panel were presented, the first (Kurdistan Region elections to where?), presented by Mr. (Sarbast Mustafa Rasheed- director of the organization), and the second panel was Entitled (Mechanism for Dissolving Parliament between the Constitution and the Law), which was presented by Dr. (Jumaa Bandi). Many active political, scientific and cultural figures in Dohuk Governorate, NGOs and the media were participated.
4. Organizing round table about the challenges and obstacles facing voters of components in Iraq and people with special needs to participate in the elections, held in 10/5/2022, many representatives of unions and federations of people with special needs were attended, and representatives of a number of non-governmental organizations of people of components and minorities in the governorates of Nineveh and Dohuk. The outcome of this session was preparation of a report that included a number of recommendations and proposals for activation and participation in the elections and the political decision.

Activities in 2022

5. Organizing a dialogue session in cooperation with the Technical Institute of Amediye in 10/25/2022 about the challenges and problems facing political, economic and social participation of women and youth in the district, the mayor ship of Amediye, directors of government departments, representatives of political parties, university professors, and students of the Institute were participated in the session, its included two sessions, each session consisted of three panel. University professors, specialists, directors of CSOs, and Mr. Mayor Ship presented their presentation. A questionnaire was prepared by the organization for the attendees, especially for the institute's students and directors of departments in the district, finally the result of session and questionnaire were mentioned in a report that includes problems, challenges, and proposed solutions for Amediye district.

6. Implementation of a project in partnership with Shams Network for Monitoring Elections and Kurdish Institute for Elections, funded and supported by the United Nations Electoral Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), as a result of this project two work shop were organized for 3 days (the first one in Sulaymaniye in 7-9/11/2022 about the challenges and obstacles that facing women and youth participation in the election process, the second one in Dohuk in 21-23/11/2022 about the challenges and obstacles facing the participation of voters of components, minorities and people with special needs to participate in the elections, 80 participates from federations, unions of special needs and representatives of NGOs attended both workshops.

7. Organizing a round table in cooperation with (Darya organization for the Development of Women and Society) and (Technical Institute of Amediye) in 12/8/2022 at the institute's headquarters in Amediye, a number of INGO operating in Dohuk Governorate, directors of public service departments, and NGOs participated in the session, problems and challenges facing the development of the district were discussed, especially in the sectors of education, higher education, health, agriculture, water, electricity, and tourism. The participants prepared a paper with recommendation and proposed solutions that INGOs and NNGOs can work on them for proposing and submitting projects within the district borders.

Photos



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Board Members

Names	position	Experience
Sarbast M. Amedi	Director	Former chairman of IHEC in Iraq, B.sc in law, M.Sc. in constitutional law. Expert in electoral management, training and electoral systems.
Dilgash Sadiq	Director assistance	M.Sc. in law and civic activist
Ahmad Y. Ahmad.	Head of media	Electoral Journalist, M.Sc. in media. University lecturer.
Rashad Ibrahim	Administration and finance	B.Sc.
Sarah Mahdi Salih	Head of relations	B.Sc. in economy and management - Department of accounting. She has experience in social media as well.

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